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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3/25/68

WEATHER Temperatures were highly variable in Nebraska the past week but averaged about normal for this time of year. Afternoon temperatures remained in the 30's and 40's during mid-week but climbed into the 60's and 70's over the week end.

Precipitation was very light, with most of the State receiving only a trace of moisture. Repeated light snows early in the week accumulated to a depth of one to two inches over most of the Panhandle. Thunderstorms in the far southeast brought the first hail of the season. High winds occurred on several days and blowing dust was reported from a number of sites.

CROPS Cool temperatures during the week slowed the progress of wheat. Top soil in the Panhandle received limited moisture but elsewhere it remained quite dry. Some wind erosion was reported at various locations over the State but occurred predominately in the southwest.

Field work continued at an accelerated rate in most areas. About six days were favorable for field work, but several days were rather cold for tractor operators. Some planting of spring crops was accomplished over the State, but it was limited by dry top soil conditions. Moisture will be needed for good germination of current seedings. Sugar beet planting was delayed by cool, damp weather during most of the week with only small acreages planted by the week end. Other field activities consisted of stalk shredding, plowing, discing, and fertilizer applications. Some farmers in the southwest have started irrigating alfalfa fields.

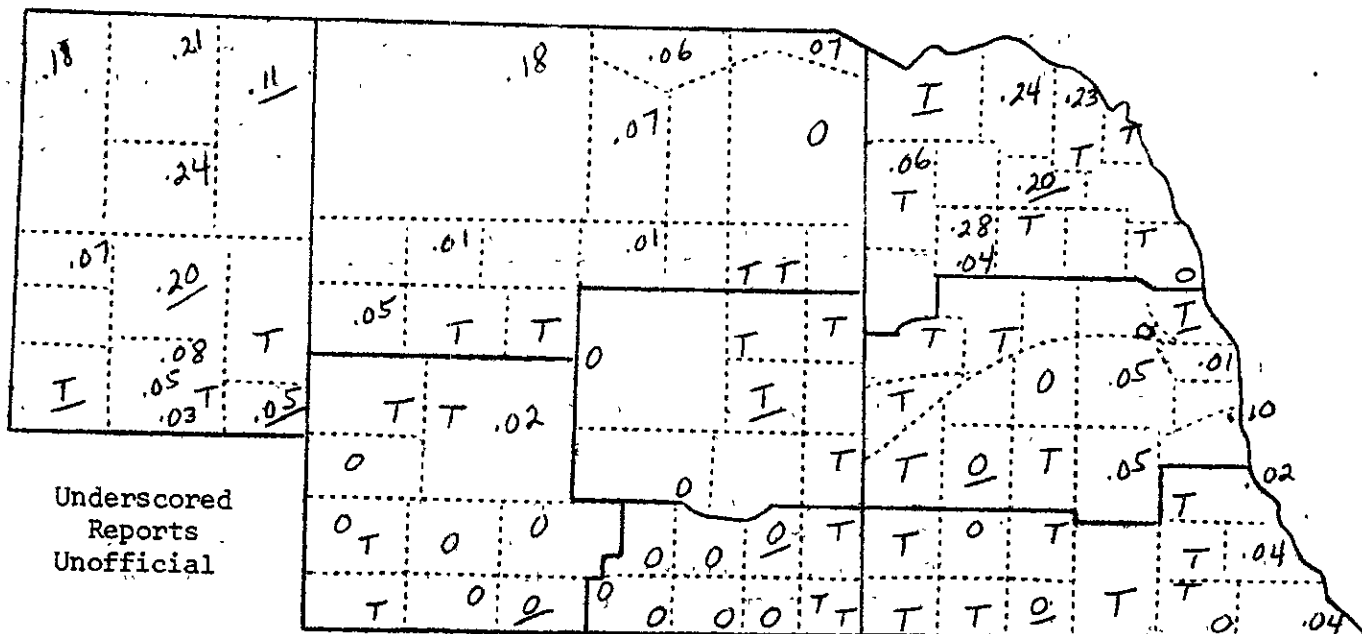
Rangeland in the Panhandle and north central was aided by the recent snowfall. However, all ranges and pastureland are in need of additional precipitation for early grass growth. Scattered range fires were reported in the Panhandle and the North Central District with the additional loss of some hay stacks.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good with young livestock requiring extra care during cold, damp days. There are still a few reports of hog losses from disease.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	.21
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.02	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	.18	Scottsbluff	.07
Omaha	T			Sidney	.03
Sioux City	T				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	25	34	23	31	18	32	11	41	17	67	36	67	33		
	Scottsbluff	48	26	32	21	36	16	40	16	45	17	65	32	67	29		
	Sidney	52	22	35	17	31	13	39	12	42	14	65	25	67	31		
NC	Burwell	64	29	38	24	39	10	38	9	32	7	60	25	75	30		
	Valentine	57	26	31	20	32	11	31	8	30	11	62	30	70	30		
NE	Norfolk	71	35	39	23	38	21	38	13	27	11	52	29	71	40		
	Sioux City	79	35	44	23	42	21	42	15	29	13	50	27	75	39		
CEN	Grand Island	70	31	46	29	42	18	42	12	33	11	56	31	72	37		
EC	Lincoln	75	37	48	31	40	23	40	13	27	16	49	34	73	49		
	Omaha	75	32	48	24	38	23	38	12	26	12	45	24	68	42		
SW	Imperial	60	25	47	23	38	13	41	14	39	20	66	27	74	35		
	North Platte	57	26	45	26	40	11	39	9	36	7	62	28	74	26		

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